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WYOMING AUGUST COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION SLIGHTLY BELOW LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during August 2008 totaled 900,000 pounds, according to Kim Faircloth with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. This was 49 percent above last month but 2 percent below last year at this time. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Eight hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in August compared to 800 head last year. Total live weight was 1,015,000 pounds, up 5 percent from August 2007. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,299 pounds, up 44 pounds from last year.

A total of 1,200 **hogs and pigs** were processed, down 200 head from last year. Total live weight, at 317,000 pounds, was down 13 percent from August 2007. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 258 pounds, unchanged from last year.

Four hundred **sheep and lambs** were processed in August, unchanged from last year. Total live weight came in at 52,000 pounds, down 2 percent from last year. The average liveweight, at 139 pounds, was unchanged from last year.

January to August 2008 commercial red meat production was 4.5 million pounds, unchanged from last year.

United States: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.10 billion pounds in August, down 5 percent from the 4.33 billion pounds produced in August 2007.

Beef production, at 2.27 billion pounds, was 7 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.91 million head, down 7 percent from August 2007. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,284 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.80 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.27 million head, down 1 percent from August 2007. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 261 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.3 million pounds, was down 10 percent from August 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 200,700 head, 12 percent below last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 3 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2008 commercial red meat production was 33.4 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2007. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 9 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AUGUST 2007 and 2008, WYOMING and U.S.										
SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	Aug 2007	Aug 2008	Aug 2007	Aug 2008	08/07	Aug 2007	Aug 2008	Aug 2007	Aug 2008	08/07
			1,000 Pounds	Percent				1,000 Pounds	Percent	
Cattle	800	800	970	1,015	105	3,132,100	2,910,900	3,993,828	3,726,689	93
Hogs	1,400	1,200	364	317	87	9,394,500	9,267,600	2,470,996	2,415,430	98
Sheep & Lambs	400	400	53	52	98	228,100	200,700	29,314	26,507	90